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ABSTRACT

of the proceedings of the  
*French King.*

*The defeating of the Duke of Parmas  
Forces.*

*The preparation of his Maiestie for the reducing  
of his townes in Normandie.*

*The request of the Leaguers of Roane to the Go-  
uernor of Diep. And the wofull estate  
of the Citie of PARIS.*

*Written by a French Gentleman to his friend.*



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of the proceedings of the  
Privy Council.

The beginning of the Duke of Devon

The first part of this book contains the proceedings  
of the Privy Council from the year 1689 to 1701.  
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1701 to 1714. The third part contains the proceedings  
from the year 1714 to 1727. The fourth part contains  
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# A BRIEFE

Abstract of the late particuler  
proceedings of the French King  
in France.



The care of affaires in  
absence (my most af-  
fured friend) bindeth  
me to remember with  
no small thanks your  
great kindnes. Your  
Letters dated the 11.  
of Noumber I rece-  
ued, wherby I am ag-  
fully satisfied of those doubts, which for a time  
kept me (as it were) from my nat'ue home, as if  
my selfe in presence had taken all paines for  
their dispatch, beeing in all thinges comforted,  
were it not I want your comfortable presence.  
But to be brieue, I wil, as you earnestly request

in few wordes expresse the present estate of the  
affaires of our most Christian King here in  
France.

we are here credibly aduertised, as well by  
sundry espials as by many other people, that the  
greatest part of the Duke of Parmaes forces  
are by the Kinges power defeated, and all his  
baggage or the greater part thereof lost: where  
by the Leaguers, who reposed on them as on  
the pillar of their weale, are dismayed with the  
wearie expectation of their vaine hope, which  
is now turned to despaire, the Duke himselfe  
being withdrawn to Brugs.

Also it is most certaine, that the Kings ma-  
iesties forces doe forthwith come downe into  
Normandie, to reduce those places which stand  
for the dishonall Leaguers. His Maiestie mea-  
ning to beginne at those little Townes which  
stand betweene Roane and New-hauen, from  
whence no succour can come vnto Roane, as  
they haue expected.

Also, those of Roane since the defeate of the  
Duke of Parmaes forces, haue bene at Diep,  
and required to haue libertie for all those wo-  
men and children that are vnder the age of  
sixteene yeeres, whose parents and husbandes  
were withdrawn into places of force, leauing  
theyr dwellinges desolate, to retourne to theyr  
pos-

possessions, to manure theyr groundes, repaire  
theyr houses, and gather in theyr goods, which  
they haue bene compelled to disperse abroad  
among theyr friends, where they haue thought  
good, for the safegard thereof. Unto the which  
the Gouernour will not make answere, untill  
the kings maiesties pleasure be therein farther  
known.

Lastly and briefly, there is great likelihood  
that the kings Maiestie will shortly chase and  
drive awaye all his enemies, and not seeke, as  
they haue presumptuously boasted, to conclude  
anie peace with them. But when wee do con-  
sider the assured resolution of the kings mai-  
estie, builded vpon a firme perseuerance in vn-  
doubted faith, his right, and the neuer chaung-  
ing promise of Almighty God, who hath promi-  
sed to race out the remembraunce of such as lay  
violent handes on his annointed. wee haue  
no doubt, but dare boldly affirme, & will houre-  
ly expect the downfall of those degenerate mon-  
sters, who hauing builded on the weake sand of  
mans power and inuention, shal not bee able to  
indure the breath of the Lordes wrath, but bee  
swallowed with Cozab in the swelling surges  
of theyr owne abominations, and theyr Arch-  
counsellers the rewarde of Achitophell: theyr  
ring-leader the ende of Absolom: which the  
Lord at his good will and pleasure will bring to  
passe.

Thus.

It is also most certaine that Paris is become a  
 abandoned, per venturous habitation being either left  
 to rotte, or turned to hospitals of diseases, where  
 the sickness raging over the fruitlesse inhabitants, who  
 by this affliction despising their lives in imitation  
 of God, are become martyrs of his anger.

Thus haue I muche satisfied you  
 concerning the French Kings pro-  
 ceedings, and the successe of his e-  
 nemies, I haue sent you that whereof  
 I am asured, and you may boldlie  
 affirme.

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